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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In the Application of:

**Lawton et al.**

Serial No.: **09/765,739**

Filed: **January 18, 2001**

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) Atty. Docket No. 00-1278  
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) Art Unit: 1645  
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) Examiner: V. Ford  
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) Conf. No.: 9509

For: **Compositions and Methods for Detection of *Ehrlichia canis* and *Ehrlichia chaffeensis* Antibodies**

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**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

Mail Stop: Appeal Brief-Patents  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an oral hearing in the above-mentioned appeal. A check for one thousand dollars (\$1,000) is enclosed. It is believed that no other fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if an additional fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

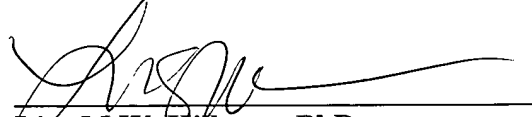
Related appeals have been filed in U.S. Application 10/054,647 and U.S. Application 10/054,354, both of which are divisional applications of the present

application. Appellant respectfully requests that the oral hearings for these three applications be consolidated into one hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 12/28/04

By:

  
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